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SUBJECT: US JOURNALISTS VISITING PRC

1. WILLIAM WOO, EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR OF ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH VISITED EA/PRCM REGARDING TRIP TO PRC WHICH HE AND JOSEPH PULITZER, PUBLISHER OF SLPD, ARE SCHEDULED TO MAKE JUNE 1 - 14, ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR WIVES. WOO ARRIVES HONG KONG O/A JUNE 20, PULITZER A FEW DAYS LATER.

2. PRC PERMISSION CAME AFTER PROLONGED EFFORT, MOST RECENTLY BY DUDMAN, WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT OF SLPD, WITH PRCLO, DURING WHICH PRCLO REQUESTED INFORMATION ON PAPER'S EDITORIAL POLICY. (DUDMAN SAYS SLPD FAVORS NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH PRC BUT ALSO REDUCTION OF TENSION WITH SOVIET UNION.) THEY WILL APPARENTLY BE HOSTED IN PRC BY MFA INFORMATION DEPT. THEY ASSUME THEY WILL BE PERMITTED TO FILE STORIES FROM PRC, SINCE PRCLO SAID THEY SHOULD

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HAVE THEIR CABLE COMPANY CREDIT DOCUMENTATION WITH THEM.

THEY HAVE NO EXPLANATION (EXCEPT SLPD'S DOGGED PERSISTENCE)
AS TO WHY PRC AGREED TO VISIT.

3. WE ENCOURAGED THEM TO CONTACT CONGEN AND USLO AND WOO
SAID THEY WOULD. (FOR HONG KONG: WOO MENTIONED HE IS SON
BY FIRST--AMERICAN--WIFE, OF WU CHIA-TANG.) ROBINSON

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